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SOCIETY

Christmas is in the air. The blood leaps to the call of the shop windows and the momentous problem of what to buy for the "great and near great" in our affections is uppermost in mind.

Though calamity howlers are abroad deploring the lapse of Christmas custom from a spiritual feast to one of commercial exchange, this does not deter the happy-hearted from planning a glad celebration by presentation of gifts and love tokens. While viewing the glittering array of treasures coveted by every child, the adult shopper and even the casual hanger-on in the Yuletide procession submits to the hypnotic influence wielded by the spectacular display and his conscious self becomes steeped in the "thoughts of youth that are long, long thoughts." The imaginative little fellow that is tucked away in the recesses of every heart comes forth to lively domination and lo, the world is young again. If you doubt it watch the faces in the passing show on the streets. Features framed in white hair reflect the hysterical joy of juveniles in anticipation of Santa Claus' visit. The "jolly old, furry old man" has perched himself on the top of the North Pole—the identical spot where Dr. Cook and Captain Peary kept their victorious tryst—and has whistled to the waiting, worshipful world the announcement of his imminent arrival in "toyland, joyland, little girl and boyland."

Is there one who would barter the cherished illusions of childhood and belief in the dear old Kris Kringle for the cold, hard crust of fact? Oh, yes, there are some. Happily they are few. They are the Christmas anarchists who are found in "single aples" in every country of Christendom. These prowl seeking little children when guardian angels are napping and placing the dynamite of realism—mis-labeled truth—right in the unsuspecting little hearts, blow to smithereens the beautiful dreams of child life. In very truth—the mysterious agency that moves all the world to contribute a share or a gift to the general joy at Christmas tide may as well be called Santa Claus as by any other name—perhaps it would smell as well as be as sweet. The idealist admits this. The realist who would degrade and impoverish life by insisting that all things are but copies of other realities and nothing "is new under the sun" condemns to utter ruination the beauty of life. To paraphrase Shakespeare it is true that

"Who steals my purse, steals trash
But he who filches from me
My illusions

"Takes that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed."

A glimpse of the crowded stores, the overloaded postmen and the parade of shoppers makes one ready to believe that the card tables and ten tables are for a time deserted. As a fact, they are not. Social recreations are temporarily usurped by the pleasures of gift buying. One or two really big functions will this week and next week bring out the members of the

elite set, but the bridge parties, hops and even club meetings are in many instances deferred till the holidays. The affair to be tendered in the Masonic Temple tomorrow evening by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent will be sufficiently elaborate and enjoyable to satisfy and gratify pleasure lovers for many weeks. Unusual activity in lodge circles preparatory to the installation of new sets of officers early in January is demanding the attention of men and women in fraternal circles. And the persons who are not allied to some fraternity are as scarce as the proverbial needle in the haystack.

Concerts are the chief diversion and the music provided on these occasions merits the attention of St. Cecilia and all the muses as well as Albuquerqueans who boast that the Duke City is the cradle of musical learning in the southwest.

The Kent Ball.

The big event of the month is the function tomorrow evening in the Masonic temple when more than 200 members of the local smart set will enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Kent. The great lodge room will be the scene of dancing, while the reception will be dotted with card tables for those who enjoy the "rigor of the games."

University Musicals at the Elks.

Another of the choice music feasts that this season are continually regaling harmony lovers will be the concert tomorrow evening at the Elks house. The University department of music directed by Miss Helen Egiptades is presenting the entertainment, to which every one in the city is invited.

The program appended proves that the numbers are to be classic favorites, happily diversified in arrangement, and to be rendered by the excellent student talent which, through the able training of Miss Egiptades is becoming the pride of the city.

The Christmas vacation at the University begins with the close of the class recitations Friday afternoon, and in order that no infringement may be made on the students' vacation time, the musicals have been appointed for tomorrow evening instead of Friday, the customary date for student concerts. That every number will be a gem, faultlessly rendered, is a foregone conclusion, and no one can afford to miss the treat, that is in more senses than one a treat. No admission fee will be charged and the participants will again demonstrate what splendid work is being done by the directress in the department of music. The closing selection from the grand opera, "Dinorah," will be staged and costumed and the roles acted exactly as in the grand opera production. Miss Adele Howell and Robert Sewell will sing the difficult parts from the finale of "Dinorah," while the chorus of twenty-five voices assisting will also be in the character dress of

the opera. The program follows:
Selections from the opera of "Puccini" (C. M. von Weber).
Chorus, "The Stars That Above Us Are Shining."
Solo, "Gypsy Song," Miss Charlotte Pratt.
Chorus, "The Bells."
Piano solo, (a) "Chant d'Avenir" (Theo. Luck), (b) "Butterflies" (Lalvalle), Miss Pearl Tompkins.
Vocal duet, "Mariani" (Wallace), Miss Lola Neher, Mr. Robert Sewell.
Piano solo, "Prelude in E Minor" (F. Mendelssohn), Miss Mabel Smith.
Vocal duet, "When the Swallows Homeward Fly" (F. Abt), Misses Adele Howell and Pauline Cartwright.
Piano solo, (a) "Prelude" (Searlatti), (b) "Sonata, 1" (Molto Adagio), 2 "Allegro" (Clementi), Miss Aline Bixler.
Finale from "Dinorah" (Meyerbeer), Miss Adele Howell, Mr. Robert Sewell and chorus.
Vocal solo, "By the Shore" (C. Chaminade), Miss Adele Howell.
Chorus, "Alma Mater."
Finale, "America."

The singers in the glee club chorus are: Sopranos, Misses Adele Howell, Lola Neher, Ethel Sturdevant, Mabel Smith, Marguerite Amos, Genevieve Tierney, Florence Seder, Ollie Hinds, Mattilda Allen, Charlotte Pratt, Irene Boldt; altos, Misses Aline Bixler,



MISS EGIPTADES

The Gifted Directress of Music of the University of New Mexico, Under Whose Management the Concert Will be Presented Tomorrow Evening at the Elks.

Laura McCullum, Pearl Tompkins, Cleo Kelly, Helen James, Mary Bright, tenors, Colburn Cook, Stanley Seder, Thornton Bright, basses, Robert Sewell, Charles Weber, Clyde Kelly, Fred Calkins, W. B. Arons.

Whitney Concert Friday Night.

Following the musicals Thursday evening will be the entertainment at the Elks' Friday evening by one of the best troupes on the program platform. The Whitney Brothers quartet is already known to local concert goers as they are to the musicians and impersonators throughout the United States and Canada. And it is true that no able entertainers ever graced the local stage than will be heard Friday evening. Classics and folk songs, readings, dramatic and comic, dialectic and majestic, chorus numbers and instrumental numbers will combine to make up a program demonstrating the versatility for which the Whitneys are noted. No programs have been received, therefore the audience will have the pleasure of being surprised with each number. This is the first concert in the series of the local entertainment course arranged for by Rev. Bertram Tolbert, who has the management of the series to conclude with the address of Judge Lindsey next spring.

Photograph Concert.
Not all the fine singers are behind the footlights. Caruso warbled magnificently at the concert last Saturday night heard by an intensely appreciative audience seated in the concert parlor at Rusewald's emporium. Melba and Schumann-Heineke were also heard. The mad scene from Lucia was sung in dramatic style. "Mathe," Verdi's "Home to the Mountains" from "Il Trovatore," and a dozen other gems from the world's treasure trove of music were heard—but like the "Choir Invisible" were the more impressive because unseen. Another innovation of a social nature at this emporium is the afternoon tea to be in progress every afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, beginning next Saturday. The young ladies of the Y. W. C. A. are to serve.

Popular Albuquerqueans to Leave.
The announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott are to leave Albuquerque to take up permanent residence in Arizona occasions deep regret among their hosts of friends whose numbers are limited only by the number of residents of this city. Mr. Scott, familiarly known by his juveniles as "Uncle Joe," has for several years been manager of the Pastime and Crystal theaters, and resigns his position to go into business for himself in an Arizona city. As a comedian in the professional class, a pianist and musical composer Mr. Scott has few equals. There have been times when it seemed impossible to successfully stage a local drama without his assistance and participation. And for a fact these home productions will have lost the singer when Joe Scott is an absentee.

Mrs. Scott also has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends and the couple, with the children, Hortense and Joe Jr., will leave a void in Albuquerque, though another city profits by their presence. The family leaves early next week for Globe, Ariz.

Mrs. Hunsing Entertains.
The regular meeting of the literary students of the Tuesday club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louis Hunsing. Mrs. French was leader of the day and conducted the class study in an interesting manner. A paper demonstrating deep thought and careful research was read by Mrs. Crisly. The discussion on current events was led by Mrs. Stroup. The hostess gave an entertaining and instructive talk on Ver-

sailles and Paris. At the conclusion of the program the company dispersed, it being contrary to the rules of the society to mar the intellectual feast by actual feasting.

Woman's Club Thimble Party.
"Heap on the wood. The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will. We'll keep our merry Christmas still."

A Christmas sewing party under the direction of the domestic science department of the Woman's club augurs well for enjoyment, doesn't it? Elated with the success of the annual bazaar last week the members of the club will gather next Friday afternoon to celebrate in true club style, the while busying themselves with the dainty creations to grace several Christmas trees. The hostesses of the day are to be Mrs. Tull, Mrs. Mattoon and Mrs. Lowber. Besides informal conversation that is fore-ordained to center on Christmas plans and suggestions, there is to be a program of no mean merit.

Miss Higgins, a gifted protégée of Mrs. Higgins, will render piano selections. Miss Rose Harsch will be heard in vocal solos and Mrs. B. A. Baker will give interesting Christmas readings. Believing in the motto that "I am best in only what they share with me, in what I share with all the rest," the hostesses will share their culinary products with the company and incidentally demonstrate the skill of the club scientists of the domestic department.

Annual Missionary Meeting.
A most happy and profitable afternoon was enjoyed yesterday at the home of Mrs. W. A. McCluskey, when the ladies of the Congregational Missionary society assembled for the discussion of the program subject, a musical diversion, election of officers and social entertainment by the hostess.

The subject, "Society for Ministerial Relief," was discussed at length in an interesting manner, the ladies participating being Mesdames Metzgar, Boldt, Dunn, Porterfield and McCluskey. A timely reading by Mrs. Heald was heartily enjoyed. Mrs. S. B. Miller favored the company by two vocal selections and Miss Ethel McCluskey rendered a pleasing piano number. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Heald to the presidency, supported by the following staff: Vice president, Mrs. Tyrrell; secretary, Mrs. Sam Porterfield; treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Dunn. The annual reports of the



MISS ADELE HOWELL
A Leading Singer to be Heard at the University Concert Tomorrow Evening.

outgoing officers demonstrated the liveliness of the society and the educational work being done locally as well as telling work abroad.

To the large representation of the members present, the hostess served a delectable collation as the last feature of a memorable meeting.

I. O. O. F. Ball Tonight.

The concluding benefit function in the series tendered by the local Odd Fellows for the orphan and widows' home in Roswell will take place this evening in the fraternal temple on Second street. Though each one of the dances that have the past season been enjoyed by the dancers of the city have been brilliant, the last promises to be in every way the best. The anniversary balls have been a red letter date in Albuquerque society for nearly a quarter of a century and will ever be an affair par excellence of the spring season. But the series given for the erection and equipment of the Roswell home concludes with this crowning function tonight. The committee in charge of arrangements are: Messrs. G. W. Dexter, John D. Hughes, J. H. Shuffelbarger, B. H. Crawford, T. T. Wells, J. H. Collier.

Ladies Aid to Elect Officers.

Mrs. J. A. Skinner, 615 South Arno street, will be hostess to the ladies of the Congregational Aid society tomorrow afternoon when business affairs of the society will be discussed. Among the several matters of importance will be the annual election of officers and an attendance of the entire membership is urged.

Woodmen Circle Elects Officers.

At a well attended lodge session yesterday afternoon in Odd Fellows hall, the ladies of the Woodmen Circle elected the corps of officers to serve the lodge in 1912. The choice of officers was: Guardian, Mrs. Agnes Hopping; advisor, Mary Funnelle; clerk, Lulu Hopping; banker, Mary Shafer; attendant, Josephine Strain; chaplain, Louise Gehring; inner sentinel, Jennie Chamberlain; outer sentinel, Sara Westfield; messengers, Anna Pelkert, Mattie Lix, Frankie Cochran; physicians, Mrs. Pearce and Chevalier.

Noted Divine to Conduct Mission.

St. John's parish is indeed fortunate, and so is the city, to have the supervision of the mission the coming week in the hands of the eminent Archdeacon Percy Weber of Boston. The reverend churchman, who is one of the most distinguished clergymen in America arrived last evening and will be the house guest of Archdeacon Warren during his stay in the city. This morning Rev. Leonidas Smith, priest in charge of the Silver City

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parish arrived from the south to assist in the series of missions to be held three daily in St. John's church. The services will be at 7 a. m.; at 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Baptist Ladies to Hold Sale.

Though it is an acknowledged truth that "civilized man cannot live without cooks," yet the number of malcontents now at large would lead one to believe that civilized man gets savagely grumpy over his fate in living with cooks—that is, lead ones. And as the Yuletide approaches, with its increased burdens on the kitchen helpers, numerous cooks have grown rambunctious and served notice of departure instead of meals. What is a hungry man to do? The ladies of the First Baptist church have provided for such a dilemma for one day at any rate. Next Saturday they will hold an all-day sale of culinary delicacies at the Maloy grocery.

Yeomen Elect Officers.

The forward movement of the American Yeomen has been given a lively impetus since the arrival in Albuquerque of the district manager, Mrs. Reeves. Half a hundred names have been recently added to the list of membership. At the largely attended meeting in the hall on Second street last Monday evening, ten new names were balloted on and accepted. The annual election of officers followed the lodge session and resulted in re-election of many officers as follows: Honorable foreman, Mr. Beebe; master of ceremonies, Walter Huntman; corresponding secretary, Mr. Holcomb; chaplain, Mrs. Minnie Clarke. The other officers are appointive ones and will be filled when the new leader makes out the list of appointments at the next meeting. The last and probably the best of the evening's pleasures was a feast spread in the banquet hall and at which the company lingered till near midnight.

Presbyterian Ladies to Meet.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid society will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church parlors, primarily for the transaction of business and incidentally for social intercourse.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas returned the first of the week from a month's pleasure trip to California. Mr. Carl Hopping has returned from Point Richmond, Cal., where he was called by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Letty Benedict. Mr. Hopping reports the invalid in a satisfactorily convalescent stage and Mrs. Hopping will return to this city the last of the month.

Mrs. E. C. Andrus and little daughter, Nellie, have gone to Pittsburg, Pa., to join Mr. Andrus. They will remain for an indefinite stay.

Salvation Army Report

The Salvation Army has submitted the following report for the five weeks ending December 10:

Open air meetings held	25
Open air attendance	750
Attendance meetings held	24
Sunday school	202
Families prayed with	72
Professed conversions	1
Given lodging	46
Shoes and garments distributed	206
Meetings held in jail	10
Papers given in jail	150

War Cry sold..... 750
Young soldiers sold..... 100
Spanish War Cry..... 100
Italian War Cry..... 25
There has been good attention given at the jail meetings and situations

found for those released. Many of these are doing well. The county and city officials and benevolent society have co-operated and aided to secure above results.
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